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Classified By: Embassy Dublin Pol/Econ Chief Joseph Young  
for reasons 4.1 (B) and (D)

¶1. (C) POLOFF delivered reftel demarche to Stephen Dawson, Deputy Director of Middle East Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, on December 4. Dawson agreed that the political equation in Iran is fundamentally skewed and undemocratic, though Ireland would not view the election of the Assembly of Experts as being as significant as a Parliamentary or Presidential election.

¶2. (C) Dawson agreed to let POLOFF know if Ireland's Ambassador to Iran, John Deady, becomes aware of documentable illegitimate election activities.

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